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In re Application of: Belguith et al.

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For: Polypeptides Having Glucose Isomerase Activity And Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

I, Samir Bejar, do hereby state and declare the following

II. I am a citizen of Tunisia residing at Route de Soukra Km, Avenue de al Jourdaïne Lot Faiza 3052, Sfax, Tunisia.

III. I am one of the co-inventors of the above-captioned application. I am also one of the co-authors of Belguith et al., "A thermostable glucose isomerase having a relatively low optimum pH: Study of activity and molecular cloning of the corresponding gene," Biotechnology Letters, Vol. 20, No. 6, June 1998, pp.553-556.

IV. I have read and am familiar with the present patent application.

V. The organism *Streptomyces* sp. SK was isolated in our laboratory from a Tunisian soil sample. This organism was not made available by us to the public.

VI. The nucleic acid sequences identified and claimed in our patent were isolated from *Streptomyces* sp. SK. The nucleic acid sequences were also not made available to the public until our deposit of Y15518 in EMBL on February 1, 1999.

VII. I, the undersigned, declare that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 10 day of April, 2001


Samir Bejar

